

SEVERING OF THE TIES

That Bind Lawrence And
Florence Bricker

Is Asked Of The Court By
The Wife

Who Charges Her Spouse
With Many Misdeeds

Suit On Note And Mortgage
Foreclosure

Batch Of Minor News From
Probate Court

Florence May Bricker is plaintiff and Lawrence Bricker is defendant in a divorce suit filed in common pleas court Friday morning. They were married April 5, 1910, and have four children. Mrs. Bricker charges her husband with being an habitual drunkard the past three years, spending his money for drink and leaving her suffering for the want of support. He is employed as a baker in Canal Dover, O., earning \$16 per week. Owing to his cruel treatment, she says, she was compelled to return to the home of her parents here. That he frequently remained away from home all night and often as late as 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, and that he spent his money in "running other women" are some of the plaintiff's allegations. B. E. Sapp represents the plaintiff, who asks for divorce, alimony and custody of children.

Suit on Note—

The Michelin Tire Co. vs. Bessy R. and W. E. Sanderson is the title of a new lawsuit in the court of common pleas. Judgment for \$311.25 with interest from Jan. 6, 1915, is asked. The suit is founded on a promissory note. The foreclosure of mortgage is also asked. W. A. Hosack for the plaintiff.

Committed to Hospital—

Cecelia Glosser filed an affidavit in probate court Thursday afternoon against C. R. Glosser of Wayne township, charging lunacy. The medical examination was made by Drs. E. V. Ackerman and J. H. Norrick. Mr. Glosser is 65 years of age and is very feeble. He sustained a stroke of apoplexy in September, 1913, since which time his mental condition has become gradually worse. He was taken to the Columbus state hospital Friday by Deputy Sheriff Mossholder.

Licensed to Wed—

William Ashburn, Union, farmer, and Mary E. Medlin, Mt. Vernon, The Rev. M. S. Freeman.

Charles Lester Reynolds, farmer, and Grace Carolyn Wright, both of Centerburg. The Rev. O. E. Ford.

Executor Appointed—

Paul M. Ashbaugh of Mt. Vernon has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of the late Emanuel Miller, Bond, \$40,000. He gives a surety company bond.

Roy Estate—

An inventory and appraisement of the estate of the late Maggie Roy of Mt. Vernon has been filed by James A. Schaeffer, administrator. It shows \$56.25 in personal goods and \$1,500 in real estate.

Probate Court Briefs—

The Emanuel Miller will has been admitted to probate.

Petitions to sell real estate have been filed by W. O. Bowers, guardian of John W. Abbott et al., and William C. McDonald, executor of Francis Marion Mills.

Lee Butler, administrator of Jane Butler, reports the sale of a lot in the Black sub-division, South Vernon, to Benjamin Butler for \$750.

Deeds Filed—

Gail M. Slinker to T. C. Fox, \$9 acres in Hilliar, \$10,000.
Mary M. Lander to Joseph C. Stokes, parcel in Mt. Vernon, \$1,500.

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ferred But Once a Year

The degree of Super-Excellent Master, conferred but once a year by Kinsman Council No. 76, Royal and Select Masters, will grace the Masonic boards on Wednesday, April 26. The conferring of the degree will take place in the evening. In the afternoon, the Royal and Select degrees will be exemplified by T. J. M. Jed S. Montis and his corps of officers. At 6 o'clock, an elaborate banquet will be served in the Masonic temple dining room. Arrangements will be made to accommodate two hundred.

The following is the cast of the degree:

Opening

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D. I. M.—William Dyer.
P. C. of W.—R. J. Ash.
C. of G.—Donald Harper.
C. of C.—Charles E. Ayers.
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Recorder—Samuel H. Peterman.
Steward—Elmer Loney.
Sentinel—Frank McGugin.

Prologue

Companion C. N. Williams.
SCENE I.

COURT OF ZEDEKIAH

Cast

Zedekiah, king of Judah—W. S. Anderson.
Gedaliah, governor of Judah—W. E. Hull.
Jeremiah, the prophet—Jay Clutter.
Pashur, advisor to the king—Geo. E. Beene.
Zepaniah, advisor to the king—R. B. Armstrong.
High Priest—R. S. Hull.
First Keeper of the Temple—W. P. Welshmyer.
Second Keeper of the Temple—Jed S. Montis.
Third Keeper of the Temple—J. W. Jones.

First Herald—Gail O. Cooksey.
Second Herald—Harry Phillips.
Third Herald—Charles E. Ayers.
Fourth Herald—Gail O. Cooksey.
First Courier—Lloyd M. Bell.
Second Courier—John R. Doelfs.
Third Courier—Oscar Swanson.
Fourth Courier—G. C. Wagner.
Fifth Courier—H. M. Eggleston.
Sixth Courier—Elmer Loney.
First Guard—C. N. Williams.
Second Guard—William Dyer.
Third Guard—W. S. Deeley.
Fourth Guard—Donald H. Harper.
Fifth Guard—M. J. Fish.
Sixth Guard—P. L. Wilkins.

SCENE II.

COURT OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR
Cast
Nebuchadnezzar—W. H. Clarke.
Zedekiah—W. S. Anderson.
Nebuzardan—R. J. Ash.
Captain of the Guard—Charles E. Ayers.

The Shepherd—Oscar Swanson.
Royal Guard—M. J. Fish.
Royal Guard—W. S. Deeley.
Royal Guard—William Dyer.
Royal Guard—Donald Harper.
Royal Guard—C. N. Williams.
Royal Guard—P. L. Wilkins.

SCENE III.

THE CAPTIVITY

Cast

Haggai, the Prophet—Jay Duke.
Companions
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R. B. Armstrong J. W. Jones
W. P. Welshmyer Donald Harper
H. M. Eggleston
C. N. Williams Harry Phillips
Oscar Swanson M. J. Fish
William Dyer G. O. Cooksey

Music

Hymn, "By Babel's Stream."
Explanation of Emblems
Companion G. E. Beene.
Historical Lecture
Companion L. Tate Cromley.
Closing Ceremonies
Jed S. Montis and officers as in the opening.

CHURCH DEDICATION

The new Hopewell church, 2 1/2 miles south of Gambier, will be dedicated Sunday, April 30. There will be three services on this day, at 10:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. Whitaker of Mt. Vernon will be the principal speaker, assisted by Rev. J. E. Russell of Gambier. Free dinner will be served.

Mrs. H. M. Shellenbarger and Mrs. Charles Shellenbarger of Bangs went to Akron Friday to spend a few days with relatives in that city.

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If the belligerent governments of Europe will agree to the plan offered by E. N. Breitung of E. N. Breitung & Co. of New York the German and Austrian merchant vessels now lying idle in American ports will be put in service between New York and South American ports and other neutral countries. They will not carry contraband of war. They will not carry food supplies to the warring armies.

If the belligerent governments so desire each of them may be represented in the company which has been formed to take these vessels over and the fullest opportunity will be afforded the warring nations to determine that every stipulation of the contract proposed is being lived up to.

This country is losing millions of dollars a month in freight because there are not ships to handle it, according to Mr. Breitung. They have all been drawn off to engage in the profitable business of carrying munitions of war and other supplies to the fighting countries.

Meat Imports Shut Off.

"The South American trade has been completely paralyzed. The cost of living has been advancing due to the inability to secure goods from foreign countries. There is no meat coming from Argentina and no hides from the South American ports," Mr. Breitung says.

"While many men are making enormous fortunes handling war supplies, the great mass of business men of the country are suffering. Railroads have declared an embargo on freight because it cannot be moved off the piers. The situation is constantly getting worse, and ocean freight rates have advanced almost 1,000 percent. Steamships are making enough money on one or two trips to pay for the cost of the boats, and the conditions have become such that the man of business, who has no war orders to build enormous profits on, is being driven out of business."

"All this time there are more than thirty big German and Austrian steamships lying idle in this port alone. In other ports of the country there are many more."

Seizure of Dacia.

Mr. Breitung bought the steamship Dacia, and, after consulting with the authorities in Washington and being assured of every protection, sent her to Rotterdam, a neutral port, with a cargo not then classified as contraband. She was seized by a French cruiser, her cargo taken and the vessel condemned. She was put in the French service and was later sunk by a German submarine. Mr. Breitung is out his vessel and her cargo. When the war is over he hopes to be paid for both.

Now he wants to take over the interned vessels, but he wants an agreement with the European powers first.

Money Is Available.

"My position was that the interned ships of the belligerent nations should be rented to a corporation or syndicate. I am in position to get the money for such corporation or syndicate provided we can get the right terms for the lease, with the understanding that payment is to be made in such a way that the belligerents will not be able to use this income for furthering the war."

"Any other safeguards that might be demanded would be given. These ships would carry noncontraband goods to all countries where the several belligerent nations might agree they could be taken."

"At the present time the price of coal in Italy and France is prohibitive. England will soon be suffering from a shortage of foodstuffs."

"The trade with the South American countries is dead. How is the United States to care for it? We have been wonderfully prosperous in this country so far because of the war. Now we are going to suffer. The lack of vessels to carry our products is going to affect us most seriously from now on. It will continually get worse."

Mr. Breitung's proposal has already been put up to the authorities at Washington and to the powers at war. While no definite answer has yet been given him, he believes an agreement will be reached. The owners of the interned vessels will, of course, be only too glad to get their ships in operation, even though they receive no profits from the operation until six months after the close of the war.

Lord Robert Cecil has expressed himself as favorable to some plan which would release these vessels, the British government being convinced that if they were released it would mean more vessels for the munitions carrying trade, as other ships now in trade with neutral countries could be withdrawn. Even the necessities of war cannot wholly halt the ocean carrying trade, as there are some things the rest of the world must have in spite of war.

NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

Colonel George A. Dodd, Cav-
alry Leader in Mexico.



When General Funston dispatched the punitive expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa's bandits he selected Colonel George A. Dodd to command the cavalry brigade. His choice was vindicated when one of Colonel Dodd's columns composed of 400 troopers of the Seventh cavalry smashed Villa's force of bandits and Yaqui Indians near Guerrero. In the pursuit of Villa the United States troopers outdressed the bandit, who is supposed to be one of the hardest riding, fastest moving troop leaders that war has produced. In army circles the success of Colonel Dodd has been a source of great satisfaction.

Colonel Dodd is a native of Pennsylvania, the son of Lieutenant Allen G. Dodd, who was killed before Petersburg in the civil war. He entered West Point in 1872 and four years later was graduated. Appointed to the cavalry arm of the service, he reached the grade of captain in 1889. In 1901 he was made a major and seven years later received his commission as colonel. He served on the general staff in 1908. Colonel Dodd has seen much service, most of it in the Indian campaigns in the southwest. His work there and in the Philippines was largely responsible for his getting the present assignment. Tall, wiry, bronzed by the sun of many campaigns, he will be sixty-four years old next July, when he will retire for age. He is still physically fit. His hobby is physical training, and he instituted the army's "monkey drill," or setting up exercises.

On account of ill health Colonel Dodd's son, Charles, was forced to retire from the Philippine constabulary after seven years' service as lieutenant. He has two other sons and three daughters, two of whom are married to army officers. Mrs. George A. Dodd lives at Ithaca, N. Y.

Military Governor of Paris.

General A. Y. E. Dubail, who was recently appointed military governor of Paris, is a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war and is sixty-five years old. He succeeded General Michel Manoury, who retired because of ill health. Some time ago, while on a tour of inspection at the front, General Manoury was struck by a bullet which destroyed his left eye and broke his jaw. Since then his health has been declining.

In the operations leading up to and following the battle of the Marne General Dubail played an important part.



GENERAL A. Y. E. DUFAIL

While the allied armies were executing their retreat from Belgium General Dubail was assigned the task of holding the Lorraine frontier. He had already led his army halfway to Saarburg, but was ordered to retire. The offensive against Saarburg was called off on Aug. 14, and on Sept. 12 the enemy began its retreat from the Marne to Alsace. During this time General Dubail's army fought every day, all day and night as well.

Little is known of General Dubail's previous career or personality. Before the war he was regarded as a profound student of military affairs. He was recently decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor. The command of the defense of Paris is one of the most important military posts in France.

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COUNT

OF BIRDS TO BE MADE IN MAY
AND JUNE

Washington, April 22—The third annual bird count of the United States will be made by the Bureau of Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the breeding season in May and June. In making this survey the bureau will rely largely on persons interested in bird life who agree to act as volunteer enumerators and count the different kinds of birds found in a 40 or 80 acre farm or woodland tract near their homes. The counts thus made by unpaid observers during the last two summers have furnished to the department valuable data on the character, number, and distribution of the bird population.

This year the ornithologists of the Department wish particularly to secure a large number of volunteers in the West to report on the bird life in the plains, the semiarid regions, the deserts, and the mountains in that part of the United States. Especial attention also is to be given to securing data as to the birds in the fruit districts of the Pacific coast and in the South Atlantic and Gulf States.

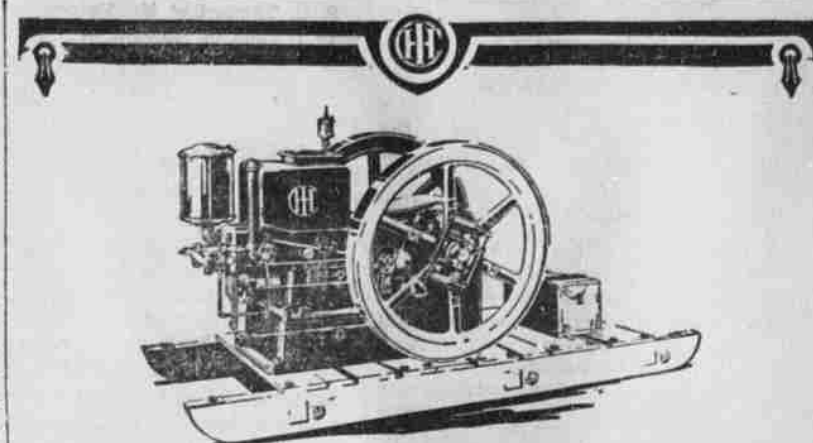
The information collected this year is believed will be of special value in enabling the Department to test the effect of State and National bird laws and also in determining what relationship exists between bird life and the prevalence of locusts, grasshoppers, and other insect pests in different localities.

As it is impossible to make an actual count of all the birds in any extended district, each enumerator is asked to report only upon the number of birds breeding in a selected area of 40 to 80 acres in country or suburban districts. From the figures thus obtained, those in charge of the work are able to approximate the total number of birds of each kind in different sections of the country.

Enumerators who wish to report on birds on farms are asked to choose an area which includes farm buildings, shade trees, orchards, plowed land, pasture or meadow or swamp, but not very much woodland. The enumerator begins his survey at daylight some morning and zigzags back and forth in the selected area, counting the male birds. Early in the morning during the last of May or the first week of June every male bird should be in full song and therefore easily counted. The count of one day is to be verified by observation on several mornings.

The height of the breeding season should be chosen for this work. In the latitude of Washington May 30 is about the proper date for the count. In the latitude of Boston the work should begin a week later, and south of Washington even an earlier date should be selected.

In addition to reports on farms and suburbs, enumerators who can do so will be asked to report on the birds in a timber area of about 40 acres or in an isolated bit of woodland of from 10 to 20 acres. In the Northeastern States, separate reports on the number of birds found in the wilder portions of the farms, preferably those



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surveyed in the earlier counts, are desired.

Those wishing to take part in the survey can obtain complete instructions by writing to the Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. The work, however, calls for considerable knowledge of birds, and only those who can readily distinguish the different kinds should undertake to make returns for their localities.

JUDGE GOES TO GERMANY

Cincinnati, O., April 22—Common Pleas Judge A. K. Nippert will leave tomorrow or early next week for Berlin, Germany, to attend a conference of the East Prussian War Relief Committee in May. Judge Nippert has been named the sole delegate to the

conference from the United States. The Kaiser is expected to attend the meeting, over which General von Hindenburg will preside. After the conference, Judge Nippert expects to visit eastern Prussia and he may also have an opportunity to view the battle line on the eastern front.

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE

CREWS RACE

San Francisco, April 22—The crew of the University of California, which was badly defeated by the Stanford university crew last year, expects to retrieve its laurels in the race scheduled for today in the estuary. Stanford suffered a defeat from the University of Washington a few weeks ago, and the California crew has been greatly strengthened this year. The Freshman crews will also clash today.